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REFS: A) YAOUNDE 3047; B) STATE 90123

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY:

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--CAMEROON'S POLICE CHIEF TOLD ME APRIL 18

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: HARRY R MELONE
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THAT HE BELIEVES THE FOUR RWANDANS DENIED ASYLUM BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ARE STILL IN COUNTRY, ALTHOUGH THERE IS STILL AN ELEMENT OF DOUBT BECAUSE HE ADMITTED THAT IT WAS NOT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO GO BACK AND FORTH TO ZAIRE. HE WANTS THEM TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY FOR GOOD BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHO CAN BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT THEM.

--HE WAS NOT RECEPTIVE TO MY DEMARCHE (BASED ON REFTTEL B) TO DETAIN THEM RIGHT AWAY ON THE BASIS OF SC RESOLUTION 978. HE ARGUED THAT ADEQUATE EVIDENCE WOULD HAVE TO BE BASED ON INDICTMENTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL. I IN TURN ARGUED FOR THEIR AT LEAST BEING KEPT IN COUNTRY PENDING INDICTMENTS EXPECTED LATER THIS YEAR BECAUSE IF THEY GO TO ZAIRE, AS LOCAL SOURCES SPECULATE, IT MAY BE TOO HARD TO EXTRACT THEM LATER FOR TRIAL. HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH THE PRESIDENT ON HIS RETURN TO YAOUNDE FROM AN INTERIOR TRIP.

--WE WILL KEEP PRESSING THE ISSUE WITH SENIOR GRC
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OFFICIALS; WE MEET NEXT WITH THE MINISTER OF
JUSTICE.

END SUMMARY

3. ON APRIL 18 I HAD A LONG CONVERSATION WITH NATIONAL POLICE TSAR, JEAN FOCHIVE, ABOUT RWANDAN REFUGEES IN CAMEROON, IN PARTICULAR THOSE FOUR WHO HAVE JUST BEEN DENIED ASYLUM BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE BASIS OF SUSPECTED COMPLICITY IN THE 1994 MASSACRES. DENIAL OF REFUGEE STATUS WAS A POSITIVE STEP, I CONTINUED; WE URGED THE GRC TO GO ONE STEP FURTHER AND ARREST THEM UNDER THE TERMS OF SC RESOLUTION 978 AND THEIR OWN LAWS WHEN THERE IS CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT WOULD BRING THEM BEFORE UPCOMING TRIALS BY AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL.

4. FOCHIVE RESPONDED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE FOUR RWANDANS IN QUESTION, HAVING RECENTLY BEEN BRIEFED BY

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THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

5. I ASKED IF THE FOUR WERE STILL IN COUNTRY,
MENTIONING THE RUMORS THAT THEY HAD ALREADY LEFT.
(SEE REFTEL A)

HE BELIEVED THEY WERE
STILL IN COUNTRY. I PRESSED HIM ON THE POSSIBILITY
OF THEIR BEING IN ZAIRE ALREADY SINCE WE HAD
UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION SUGGESTING THIS POSSIBILITY.
AT LEAST ONE OF THEM, JOSEPH NZIRORERA, FORMER
PRESIDENT OF THE RWANDAH INTERIM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,
HAD REPORTEDLY MADE FREQUENT TRIPS BETWEEN CAMEROON
AND ZAIRE IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS, I NOTED. FOCHIVE
ADMITTED THAT IT WAS NOT THAT DIFFICULT TO GO BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES.

I NOTED THAT WE
WERE INTERESTED IN ANY OTHER RWANDANS WHO THE GRC

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MIGHT SUSPECT OF COMPLICITY.



8. IN TERMS OF DETAINING THE FOUR RWANDANS DENIED
ASYLUM, FOCHIVE WAS FORTHRIGHT--HE COULD NOT DO IT.
HE MAINTAINED THAT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE COULD ONLY BE
SHOWN WHEN THERE WERE INDICTMENTS FROM THE
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL. I WENT OVER THE INFORMATION
I HAD THAT THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL WAS PREPARING
THE INDICTMENT DOSSIERS AND THEY SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED
BY THE END OF THE YEAR WITH TRIALS TO START IN 1996.

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SINCE THE PROCESS TOOK TIME, I ARGUED, IT WAS IMPORTANT NOT TO LET SUSPECTED RWANDANS SLIP OUT OF THE TRIBUNAL'S REACH. IF THEY WENT TO ZAIRE THAT MIGHT PROVE JUST SUCH A PROBLEM. COULD HE NOT, THEREFORE, TAKE STEPS AT LEAST TO KEEP THEM IN COUNTRY AND KEEP AN EYE ON THEIR MOVEMENTS? FOCHIVE SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH PRESIDENT PAUL BIYA WQURNED FROM HIS TRAVELS THIS WEEK TO NORTHERN CAMEROON.

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9. FOCHIVE MENTIONED THAT CAMEROON WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN COUNTRY TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNHCR TO SEND EXPERTS TO RWANDAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN ZAIRE TO HELP MAINTAIN SECURITY AND TO PROMOTE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF. OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES WERE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE SOON, HE SAID. ASKED WHO CAMEROON WAS SENDING, HE SAID SIX MILITARY, TWO GENDARMES AND TWO POLICE. THEY ARE TO LEAVE FOR ZAIRE THIS WEEKEND. I PRAISED THE GRC FOR UNDERTAKING THIS NEW PEACEKEEPING ROLE.

LO. COMMENT:

A LEADING INDEPENDENT PAPER, "LA NOUVELLE
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EXPRESSION" HAS JUST PUBLISHED A SCATHING ATTACK ON
THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS DECISION TO EXPEL THE FOUR
RATHER THAN COOPERATE IN BRINGING THEM TO JUSTICE.
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